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LCO No. 2282

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING DAIRY FARM VIABILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) For the purposes described in
2 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
3 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
4 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
5 the aggregate eight million dollars.
- 6 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
7 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
8 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection for the purpose
9 of compensating milk producers in accordance with section 2 of this
10 act.
- 11 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
12 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
13 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
14 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
15 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
16 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized

17 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
18 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
19 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
20 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
21 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
22 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
23 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
24 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
25 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
26 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
27 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
28 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
29 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
30 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
31 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
32 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
33 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
34 due.

35 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Any milk producer may apply
36 to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Protection for
37 compensatory payments of two dollars per hundred pounds of milk
38 produced by such producer on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to
39 January 1, 2004, provided such producer is in business as of the
40 effective date of this section and further provided such producer
41 demonstrates, to the satisfaction of said commissioner, that any
42 quantity of milk for which such payment is sought was sold during
43 said period. For the purposes of this section, "milk producer" means a
44 person engaged in the production of milk in this state, provided such
45 milk is eligible for sale as Class I milk, as defined by the United States
46 Department of Agriculture.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Sec. 2	July 1, 2004
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide short-term financial relief to Connecticut dairy farmers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]